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Respectfully submitted,
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RESPONSE

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 1, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. On June 22, 2004, the undersigned conducted a telephone interview with Mr. James Trammell, who is the supervisor of the Examiner initially assigned to this case, Mr. Pierre Eddy Elisca. During the interview, it was agreed that the Final Office Action mailed on June 1, 2004 was improper and would be withdrawn. Mr. Trammell further indicated that this case would be reassigned to a new examiner for subsequent examination.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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